Silt deposit in Hiragund Dam

586. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been silt deposit in Hirakund Dam to the extent that it may cease to be a dam in the near future; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) There has been some silt deposit in Hirakund reservoir but not to the extent to make it non-functional in the near future. Soil coservation measures are in progress for reducing the silt load.

Pakistani attacks in Siachen

587. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani forces have mounted a series of attacks on Indian posts at Siachen Glacier; and

(b) whether any area has been lost to the attacking forces, as claimed by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Pakistani troops attacked our posts on the Saltoro range in the Siachen Glacier area in the last week of Sept. and the first week of October. These attacks were successfully repulsed by our troops.

(b) No. Sir.

Impact of Five Days Week

588. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the impact of Five Days Week on the efficiency of Government Servants;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A quick study made by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in February, 1987 with reference to a few Ministries/Departments, did not indicate any fall in work output in terms of quantity or quality after introduction of the 5-days week system.

(c) Does not arise.

Plan allocation for Orissa

589. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the financial allocation made in the current Five Year Plan for the developmental projects in Orissa which is a backward State;

(b) whether the allotment is sufficient for the development of the State;

(c) what is the total population of Orissa as per the last census report and out of that what is the percentage of people who are living below the poverty line;